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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Update: Thursday, August 18, 2005 8:30a.m.
Date/Time of Occurrence: Wednesday, August 17, 2005 9:51 a.m.
Nature of Call: Victim in road rage stabbing dies
Location of Call: 550 North Lake Blvd. Tahoe City
Case Number: SO-05-0012111
Released by: Sgt. Dan Ingalls (530) 581-6306

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

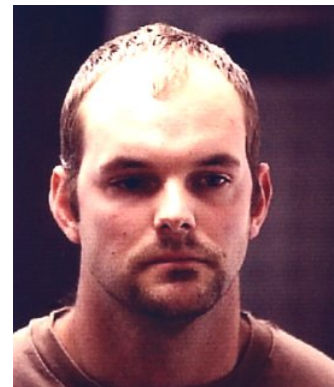
*******UPDATED PRESS RELEASE*******

The victim in Wednesday's road-rage incident near Lake Tahoe died in a Reno hospital Wednesday night.

Robert Lawrence Ash, 48, of Truckee, was pronounced dead at 11:17 p.m. by doctors at Washoe Medical Center as a result of the injuries sustained in a stabbing in Tahoe City. The Washoe County Coroner's Office will conduct an autopsy to determine the exact cause of death.

Placer County Sheriff's investigators arrested Timothy George Brooks, 25, of Truckee for attempted murder at the scene of the attack. His arraignment is scheduled for 11 a.m. today in a Tahoe City courtroom, where he faces a murder charge.

The investigation indicates Brooks and Ash had engaged in an exchange of words after Ash allegedly cut off Brooks in traffic on Hwy. 89 north of Squaw Valley Road. The driving incident reportedly enraged Brooks to the point that he searched for Ash for approximately a half-hour until he found him in Tahoe City. Once Brooks found Ash, the two drivers became involved in a verbal argument that escalated to a physical fight.



The altercation ended when Brooks stabbed Ash once in the abdomen. After a witness called 911, Placer County sheriff's deputies arrived and took Brooks into custody without incident.

Brooks was booked at the Placer County Jail in Tahoe City and was later transferred to the Auburn main jail.

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